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Lt. Col. Allison G. Folsom
Records Branch
Personnel Department
Headquarters United States Marine Corps
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Folsom:

The Marine Corps records supplied us reveal that on 3 May 1957, Lee Harvey Oswald was granted "clearance to handle classified matter up to and including Confidential." However, we have received sworn testimony from John E. Donovan, who was Assistant Operations Officer and Training Officer at Marine Air Control Squadron No. 9 in Santa Ana, to the effect that Oswald's job required a Secret clearance.

Moreover, two of Oswald's fellow enlisted men at MACS-9 have testified that Oswald lost his clearance and was therefore relegated to non-sensitive jobs.

It would be helpful to the work of the Commission if you would determine whether Oswald ever received clearance to handle higher than Confidential material, and whether any clearance given to him was taken away. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Mr. John Hart Ely of our staff by telephone.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

cc: Mr. Rankin
Mr. Willens
Mr. Ely

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel